

September 16, 2003

Habilitation Services Program Transfer Progress Report

Legislation:

- The Department has completed a review of two Chaptered bills (SB 1075 and AB 747) related to the Habilitation Services Program. SB 1075 restores the word "rate" omitted in AB 1753 related to changes in rates in circumstances where a regional center approves a reduction in the length of a WAP's program day. AB 747 deletes references limiting the suspension of biennial rate adjustments for one year and extends the suspension period an additional two years.

Rulemaking (Regulations):

- Final draft of the HSP regulations is near completion. Stakeholders should receive a copy of the draft regulation during the week of September 22, 2003 for review and discussion on September 30, 2003 in Sacramento.

Training Curriculum:

- The HSP training curriculum outline has been drafted. Dates, training staff, participant invitees and general locations for training have been tentatively agreed to between DDS and DOR. The outline includes training topics on all the key components related to service standards oversight through the purchase of and billing for habilitation WAP and SEP services. DDS will seek stakeholder participation in the proposed training topics and sessions.

Other Issues:

- Staff considered necessary for the administration of Habilitation program has been requested through the normal budgetary process.

Next Step(s):

- DDS has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of coordinating assistance from DOR staff prior to and during the HSP implementation phase.